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SUMMARY

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

PURPOSE:

authorizes and requests the President to call a 2nd White House Conference on Library and Information Services - not earlier than September 1, 1989 and not later than September 30, 1991.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Introduced by Senator Pell on January 21, 1987; Hearing held in Labor Committee on April 3, 1987; Reported unanimously by Committee on August 5, 1987. Currently 71 cosponsors.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE:

to be planned and conducted by the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (current Chairman is Jerald Newman). State and regional activities may be held prior to the national conference but these activities are optional.

Only LSCA Title III monies may be used to fund state level conferences. Title III is the Interlibrary Cooperation Program and is funded at \$18 million. Many in the Library community oppose this limitation and would like the flexibility to use any LSCA money. There will be pressure to remove the limitation in conference.

AUTHORIZATION:

authorizes \$5 million as the federal contribution toward this Conference. Total cost is apt to be close to \$15 million but all additional funds must be raised privately.